MAP-21 Implementation Roundtable

Tulsa, Oklahoma - March 4-5, 2013

Hosted by the National Association of Regional Councils

Monday, March 4, 2013

12:00 pm **Welcome and Introductions** *(Boxed lunches will be provided.)*

12:30 pm **Metropolitan and Statewide Planning**
Regions will discuss how new planning requirements and opportunities impact their existing structures and plans. This can include new board structures for TMAs, new roles for transit, the role for local elected officials, increased recognition for RTPOs, how regions are addressing the new performance-based planning requirements, what are the challenges exist for those above and below 200 thousand population, among other topics.

1:30 pm **Distribution of Federal Funding**
Regions will review their state and local relationships when allocating the new federal transportation funding streams. What kind of considerations are being taken as this process continues? How are your regions and state Departments of Transportation addressing traditional set-side funding for programs in the new performance-based federal transportation mindset? What challenges are emerging as a result?

2:00 pm **15-Minute Break**

2:15 pm **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality**
Regions will discuss their main air quality challenges and the factors from which they stem. In addition, regions will discuss how the new Congestion Performance Plans for those of 1 million and above population are preparing to create those plans, how they view the new requirements against the existing Congestion Mitigation Plans and how they view the requirement for cost-effectiveness of projects. Additionally, all regions will discuss the new prioritized role for PM 2.5 and other pollutants.

3:00 pm **Surface Transportation Program**
Regions should be prepared to discuss how the increased STP eligibilities and sub-allocation of federal funds impacts them. In addition, a specific focus on the relationship between performance based planning and set-aside programs, like the off-system bridge program and what challenges and opportunities exist to address the goals and requirements.

4:00 pm **Transportation Alternatives**
This session will provide regions an opportunity to discuss the newly-created Transportation Alternatives program in depth. This discussion can include the decision of the state to opt-out of the program, how the newly created competitions are influencing your relationships with relevant stakeholder groups, how the process differs for those MPOs with direct control versus those with indirect control of the competition, among other issues.

Tuesday March 5, 2013

9:00 am **Opening Remarks** *(Coffee will be provided.)*

9:20 am **Freight Policy**
MAP-21 created a new defined role for freight policy and stakeholders, however, it did not give a direct role for MPOs. This session is intended to give regions an opportunity to discuss how the process to create state freight advisory committees is progressing and also how MPOs and RPOs are being utilized in this process. In addition, federal law requires local governments to play a direct role in the development of freight plans, how are MPOs and RPOs working with their local governments to adhere to the regional transportation process and any specific freight plans or projects therein?

9:50 am **10-Minute Break**

10:00 am **NHPP and Safety**
This session will examine the impact of the expanded National Highway System and how this expansion impacts the ability of MPOs and RPOs to plan and program projects on these assets. This session will also provide regions an opportunity to discuss the relationship between NHPP funding and performance-based planning. Additionally, this session will give regions the opportunity to discuss their roles in the Highway Safety Improvement Program development and update.

11:00 am **Open Discussion**
This session is designed to allow regions to revisit a topic either not covered with enough time or address a topic not yet covered.

11:30 am **Concluding Remarks and Follow-Up**

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